

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT: PREVENTION, RECOGNITION AND REPORTING

**KRS 156.095** requires the Kentucky Department of Education to maintain a list of approved, comprehensive, evidence-informed trainings on child abuse and neglect prevention, recognition and reporting that encompass child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect. The trainings shall be web-based or in-person.

Minimum requirements:

1. Recognizing child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect;
2. Reporting suspected child abuse and neglect in Kentucky as required by [KRS 620.030](#) and the appropriate documentation;
3. Responding to the child; and
4. Understanding the response of child protective services.

### Training Requirements

Content must reflect KY statute/regulation and include research-based information from recognized expert health care organizations, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The trainings must include a questionnaire or other assessment tool upon completion to document basic knowledge of training components.

#### 1. Recognizing child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect as required by KRS 600.020, KRS 222.005 and KRS 529.010, including:

- a. **Physical abuse:** basic definition, behavioral clues, physical indicators, caregiver indicators
- b. **Sexual abuse:** basic definition, behavioral clues, physical indicators, caregiver indicators
- c. **Emotional abuse:** basic definition, behavioral clues, physical indicators, caregiver indicators
- d. **Neglect:** basic definition, behavioral clues, physical indicators, caregiver indicators
- e. **Human Trafficking:** basic definition, behavioral clues, physical indicators, caregiver indicators

#### 2. Reporting suspected child abuse/neglect as required by KRS 620.030 (1), (2), and (6); and KRS 620:050 (1) and (11), including:

- a. Mandatory Reporting
  - Reasonable suspicion (KRS 620.030 (1))
  - Failure to report (KRS 620.030 (6))
- b. Mandatory Reporters (KRS 620:030 (2))
- c. Legal Protection
  - Good Faith Immunity (KRS 620.050 (1))
  - Confidentiality (KRS 620:050 (11))
- d. Who to contact
  - [Cabinet for Health and Family Services](#)
  - Statewide Abuse Hotline 1-877-597-2331 (1-877-KYSAFE1)
  - Online: <https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/ReportAbuse/> (for non-emergency reporting)
  - Department for Community-Based Services (DCBS)
  - [Regional Centralized Intake](#)
  - Local law enforcement or the [Kentucky State Police](#)
  - [Commonwealth](#) or [County Attorney](#)
- e. Legal Protection for Reporting Sources

- KRS 620.050, KRS 620.020, KRS 431.600
- f. Making a Report (KRS 620:040 (4))
- Define “Disclosure” & “Investigation”
  - Timeframe for reporting (922 KAR 1:330)
- 3. Responding to the child as required by KRS 620.030 and 620:040 (4), including:**
- a. Role of school personnel
- Report child abuse and neglect promptly
  - Maintain confidentiality
  - Do not conduct an investigation
- b. Role of child protective services
- Make an initial determination as to the immediate safety and risk of harm to a child (922 KAR 1:330 (3))
  - Investigate and follow regulations and timeline (922 KAR 1:330)
- 4. Understanding the response of child protective services as required by KRS 431.600, KRS 620.040, KRS 620.060, including:**
- a. Acceptance Criteria (KRS 600:020 and 922 KAR 1:330) and Types of Neglect (supervision, environmental, medical, risk of harm, educational, substance use/abuse, food, hygiene/clothing, emotional injury)
- b. Response Timeframe, including imminent, non-imminent, and low risk (922 KAR 1:330)
- c. Sharing information with school/reporter (KRS 620:050)
- d. Possible legal responsibility of reporter (KRS 620:050 (11))

## Technical Components

Include requirement to post **Statewide Abuse Hotline 1-877-597-2331 (1-877-KYSAFE1)** and the **National Human Trafficking Reporting Hotline** (KRS 156:095 (7) (g))

1. Include questionnaire or assessment that will document basic knowledge; web-based assessment must provide assessment results/report; paper/pencil assessment must include answer key
2. Provide in-person or web-based accessibility, instructions, and vendor/provider contact information
3. Be comprehensive and research/evidence-based
4. Provide **Kentucky** requirements and contacts for reporting and prevention of child abuse and neglect; may include federal and/or other state information